

Indiana Works Council – Region 2

Meeting: Monday, October 28, 2013

Location: Elkhart Area Career Center, Elkhart, Indiana

Time: 10:00 a.m. to 12:00 p.m. (tour of Career Center beginning at 9:00 a.m.)

Member present: Brad Bishop, Chairman, Larry Garatoni, The Career Academy, Bill Kovach, Elkhart Area Career Center, Dan Tyree, Plymouth Community Schools, Lisa Dercach, Indiana Department of Education, Terry Lee, Fulton County Economic Development, Amy Ebert, Jayco, Dan Tyree, Plymouth Community Schools and Suzanne Wheeler.

Also present: David Benak, Principal – Elkhart Area Career Center, Ronna Kowsky, Career and Tech Ed Director – Warsaw, Laura Marzotto, Director, Adult/Career & Tech Ed. Also, two representatives from the Indiana-Kentucky-Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters – Fort Wayne Local.

B. Bishop opened the meeting.

CAREER PATHWAYS AND CAREER AND TECHNICAL EDUCATION PROGRAM. Discussion regarding career pathways and current CTE program in both the Career Centers and high schools in the region. William Kovach briefly reviewed the data he had gathered from all of the Region 2 CTE District Directors. He also indicated that additional information on Career Clusters, Career Pathways and Career and Technical Standards can be found on the Department of Education website.

The topic of manufacturing and advanced manufacturing training in the region was brought up. W. Kovach indicated that at the Elkhart Area Career Center they have an Advanced Manufacturing class called Automation and Technology. One member of the group indicated that these classes require a higher level student and many high schools don't want to send those students to the Career Centers. The subject of RV manufacturing was also discussed. A. Ebert, Jayco, indicated that while the jobs are not necessarily high technology jobs, there are lots of opportunities for advancement in RV companies. Also, she indicated that they need individuals trained in Industrial Maintenance.

DUAL CREDIT OFFERINGS IN CTE. It was stated that the dual credit courses are aligned with college courses and the college curriculum is taught. Advisory committees consisting of representatives from business and industry review the curriculum.

REGION 2 LABOR MARKET DATA ANALYSIS: S. Wheeler distributed labor market and jobs information for Region 2. After reviewing the Hoosier Hot 50 Jobs for Region 2, there was concern expressed that most of the jobs listed on this list require a four year degree. After reviewing the IDWD Research and Analysis – Long Term Industry Projections for all manufacturing jobs projected employment for 2018, the group decided that the data does not accurately reflect the regions' needs and/or projected needs. A couple of questions were raised: (1) Where does this data come from? Does this data come only

from DWD job postings? (2) Does the projected growth of jobs include an estimate to cover those that will be retiring?

REGION 2 REPORT TO BE SUBMITTED BY NOVEMBER 1ST.

Wm. Kovach will gather information from each of the District Directors which will summarize all of the Career Pathways offered along with a list of programs that offer dual credit and to which college or university.

S. Wheeler provided the CPEG Report prepared for Region 2 by Thomas P. Miller and will request CTE detailed summary information for Region 2 listing all classes by school along with the number of students participating in each program/class. This list will include a breakdown by Career Center and high schools which offer CTE courses. The courses listed will be only those who receive CTE funding.

Additional discussion raised a couple of more questions:

1. What is STEM? And to what extent is this offered in Region 2?
2. What is Advanced Manufacturing?? What is the definition of it?

B. Bishop asked that everyone submit any additional thoughts or feedback that they have for the Report due to him by mid day Thursday. He will create a summary report incorporating feedback from other members of the group and will submit the report along with supporting documentation to the state on November 1st.

Presentation of information regarding the training materials and curriculum that is available to train carpenters (in CTE programs) was provided by the Indiana-Kentucky-Ohio Regional Council of Carpenters – Fort Wayne Local.

NEXT MEETING: November 14 beginning at 9:00 a.m. at the Plymouth Community Schools, Plymouth.

Prepared by S. Wheeler